



Land O Lakes Fish & Game Club

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You can be In-the-Know !!

From the Editor: As the world shifts, it seems that every single needle in the haystack has been found and altered. This can be found true here as I have changed the software I use to construct this newsletter to Power Point from Adobe InDesign, so this editing job can more easily be passed on.

Diana Melhop compiled the newsletter for 10 years and I have now for 8 years. It is time that someone else take on this task. As Diana did for me, I will train and coach until the transition has been made.

It truly is the Newsletter Editor who knows most everything going on in the Club because we get info and articles from all of the different members running programs, doing community service and organizing social events and activities. So if you desire to be In-the-Know, being the Editor is for YOU!!!

Contact me to discuss details,
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We want to recognize and appreciate our business members!

Gateway Lodge Trading Post Int'l
LOL Service Center Sunrise Lodge
Wilderness Bay Lodge
Thomas Financial Planning
Pilates at Black Oak TJ Grizzlies

Oct. 13 6:30PM Last Club mtg. "Fungi"

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Membership Update 2020-2021

Although our fiscal year runs from July - July, our membership year runs from January to January. We had no programs and no dues for 2020. For the 2021 calendar year, 144 members have renewed so far. We are changing our website and updating our membership files so it is important to renew your membership!

A membership renewal form is at the end of this newsletter, page 10 If you don't have a printer, you can write out any changes in your membership information, include your dues, and mail to PO Box 516 without the form.

Questions? Don't know if you have already renewed?

Contact patbielke@sbcglobal.net.

Donations to maintain the FGC Ski & Hiking Trails

Forest Service regulations prohibit collecting donations on Forest Service land. The ski trail resides entirely in the Ottawa National Forest so there will no longer be a donation box at the ski trail parking lot. We encourage skiers and other trail users to send a check to the Fish & Game Club, PO Box 516, Land O Lakes, WI 54540 . Please indicate the check is for the ski trail. Your donation is tax deductible and if it is \$25 or more we can mail you a receipt. Just indicate you would like a receipt and be sure to include your mailing address.

4 miles of Highway Clean Up – Hwy S & B

We wish to give a big shout-out to the twelve people participated in the Spring cleanup of a 2 mile stretch of Highway B and the 2 miles at the north end of Highway S that the F & G Club has officially adopted. The many hands made fast work of the task, AND we did not experience any rain or snow (which is not always true!) Thank you everyone!

Steve and Lynn Klemann



Treasurer's Report

The club's fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The operating revenue for the 2020-2021 fiscal year was \$2,088, with expenses of \$1,514, leaving a surplus of \$514. Our major expenses were for the Wild Apricot website (\$540) and for insurance (\$560) and donations to other organizations such as ICCSW (\$225). We did not have our usual expenses for meetings last year.

There was an additional \$1,220 donated for the ski trail, \$322 in forest service reimbursement, and \$472 in expenses, resulting in a surplus of \$1,070 added to the ski trail fund. This will be helpful when the forest service is no longer able to provide reimbursements and/or we have major equipment expenses.

We received \$1,400 in donations for the education fund and paid \$2,383 in education grants and \$2,000 in college scholarships. The deficit was paid out of funds the club has invested in Vanguard stock and bond funds. That investment was \$29,747 at the start of this fiscal year.

The club has additional savings of \$10,028 in a savings account and \$10,445 in CDs at Headwaters State Bank.

Treasurer Pat Bielke

North Country Trail Maintenance

The Fish and Game Club has adopted 2 segments of the Peter Wolfe Chapter of the North Country Trail. The Peter Wolfe Chapter is 140 miles long and stretches across the middle of the upper peninsula of Michigan. Segment 21 is just west of the O Kun de Kun Falls on Hwy 45. Steve and Rita Kickert lead the maintenance on this segment. Segment 20 is the next segment west, and Pat and Steve Bielke lead the maintenance on this segment. In addition, Pat and Steve Bielke help to maintain Segment 19 and Steve Kickert has adopted Segment 12. This year a new member, Pat Cornfield helped with maintenance.

A special challenge was created by the local beaver this year. They were very industrious and created not 1 but 2 beaver ponds on Segment 21 that required rerouting the trail. The picture below is of Steve and Steve working on this reroute.

The Peter Wolfe Chapter has a new 10 mile segment of trail that they are clearing in order to take a section of the trail east of Canyon Falls off of the road and along the Sturgeon River. This year Steve and Pat Bielke helped to clear the trail along this segment.

There are several segments of the North Country Trail in the Peter Wolfe chapter that have not been adopted and need trail maintenance. If you are interested, contact the chapter president, Connie Julien, at cjulien7@gmail.com. **Questions?** Feel free to contact Steve Kickert at sdrakickert@gmail.com or Steve Bielke at sbielke@sbcglobal.net.

[About Peter Wolf Chapter Trail](https://northcountrytrail.org/trail/michigan/pwc/)

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The Peter Wolfe Chapter (PWC) has over 100 miles of mostly forested trail stretching from M-64 in the west to east of US-41 at Long Lake near the Craig Lake State Park. Our section has about 85 miles of trail on the Ottawa National Forest (ONF), 12 miles on state land, and the remainder in private holdings. We are proud to have built three enclosed shelters for our hikers. This is remote country so be prepared! In the western half of our section, you will encounter a number of breathtaking bluff overlooks in the Trap Hills, including the highest bluff in Michigan, where you see nothing but undisturbed forests and soaring birds, as far as the eye can see! (And imagine being there in the fall with the full color!) The Trail then passes through a restored mining village, Victoria, and you will see the ruins of an era gone by. You will then cross the mighty Baltimore and Ontonagon Rivers on huge suspension bridges and come into view of the O Kun de Kun Falls. Next will be a short spur to the popular Bob Lake, then on to the magnificent Silver Mountain area where a short climbing spur will take you to the top of a nearly 360-degree view of beautiful forests and birds of the sky. Then hike along the eastern edge of the Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness. You can take a short steep spur into the gorge to experience a Wilderness Area as intended! Leaving the ONF and entering the state lands you will find a sandy expanse with rare swales, the Tibbets Falls on the Sturgeon River and Big Lake area where there is a waterfowl sanctuary teeming with birds of many kinds. Finally, walk up alongside the Sturgeon River and encounter the Grand Canyon of the UP, including Canyon Falls. The next few miles include a road walk, still awaiting acquisition to connect to the next Chapter's segment of NCT.

About the NCT



The North Country National Scenic Trail is the longest in the National Trails System, stretching 4,700 miles across eight states from North Dakota to Vermont.

The Trail traverses through more than 160 federal, state and local public lands, including 10 National Forests, four areas of the National Park Service, and over 100 state parks, forests and game areas. It winds along three of the Great Lakes, past countless farmlands, through large cityscapes and vast prairies, over many rivers and streams, and through the famed Adirondacks. The North Country Trail also shares routes with the Superior Hiking Trail in Minnesota, the Buckeye Trail in Ohio, the Finger Lakes Trail in New York, and the Iron Belle Trail in Michigan.



Steve Kickert and Steve Bilke

Hwy 2 Road Clean Up

Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with the Michigan highway cleanup in May: Steve & Lynn Klemann, Mary Bongratz, Gary & Chris Ebert, and John, Linda, & Hannah Siegworth. This hardy group of volunteers braved misty and gloomy weather to complete the club's section of Adopt-A-Highway on U.S. 2. Because this section hadn't been completed for a while, we ended up collecting an abundant quantity of trash. And in the "you never know what you're going to find" department, we discovered a beautiful Blue-Spotted salamander underneath an old post!



EDUCATIONAL GRANT COMMITTEE REPORT

By Kathleen Kuchevar

The LOL F&G Club Board members approved all application requests for the 2020-2021 school year. The committee did not meet due to health concerns. Condensed versions of the applications for the following projects were approved.

EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATONS for 2020-21 School year

1. Ms. Saltenberger, Libby & Lewandowski, Eagle River Elementary School, Grade 2, 45 Students. Bog Ecology & North Lakeland Discovery Center -- \$500.00 to provide an extraordinary life experience of our local wetland and the resources provided to communities, to make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats. WI Science Standards, Gr. K-2.
2. Holly Geiger & Mark Deditz, St. Germain Elementary School, Grades 3 &4, 30 Students. Community Learning Outreach -- \$500.00 to apply the curriculum by connecting it to life-long learning through hands-on and real life learning experiences, to learn how injured wild animals are rehabilitated, to investigate artifacts, to identify insects microscopically, and to experience a narrated journey on the safari tram to view adverse groups of animals not native to our northwoods.
3. Cathy Benecke, Land O'Lakes Elementary School, Multi-Age 4K-5K, 20 Students. Coding with a Code-a-pillar -- \$336.18 to explore basic coding, to develop critical thinking skills and an understanding of sequencing and to build logical reasoning skills. "This project gives students a highly motivating way to explore the basics of coding by physically programming the way they want their caterpillar to move/act by simply building its body.
4. Kate Neville, NP-Soar Charter Middle School, Grades 5-8, 102 Students. Growing Our School Garden-Equipment Needs -- \$199.99 to have an outdoor sink to efficiently clean fruits and vegetables, to contribute to hygiene habits and to limit dirt brought into the building.
5. Robin Indermuehle, NP-Soar Charter Middle School, Grades 5-8, 102 Students. Drainage and Augmentation Needs in Growing Our Garden -- \$375.00 to create a relevant connection between growing food and healthy diets, to promote drainage under and around the new water source, to learn about the importance of soil drainage, soil types and groundwater, to learn about nutrients in soil and how to compost.
6. Jeffrey Libby, NP-Soar Charter Middle School, Grades 5-8, 102 Students. Multi-Season Outdoor Learning Opportunities -- \$293.00 to explore outdoor spaces for all seasons, to provide an opportunity for attending learning sessions outside, to gather and enjoy a campfire with a cast iron fire ring and experience outdoor learning in a safe manner.
7. Carrie Olson, St. Germain School, Grade K., 70+Students and is reusable. Inside Growing Station -- \$500.00 to learn about where food comes from and how plants grow, to prepare plantings for the school garden and to give students first hand experience. Learning about plants and their needs is a WI science standard. "We also use microgreens and other growings that can be difficult with low lighting conditions in winter months. It can be used year round lessons and grade levels."

8. Teresa Franzen, Phelps School, Grade 4K, 8 Students

Farm to Table -- \$259.15 to grow an awareness and appreciation of where our food comes from, to learn responsibility of caring for live plants and the importance of caring for our environment, animals (chicks 7 pollinators, butterflies) and plants. Students will plant seeds and water them under the grow lamp. "My goal is to have a living classroom all at the same time.

THANK YOU NOTE!

Dear LOL F&G Club,

I cannot thank you enough for funding the Phelps 4K class for the Farm to Table grant. You should have seen the excitement in the classroom when they noticed the first chick hatching, the caterpillars forming their chrysalis and when their plants came up out of the soil for the first time. The children are so fortunate to be able to witness these amazing events and it is THANKS to you.

Without your help and financial support we would not have been able to do these neat activities. I plan to do these activities every year with my 4K class.

Sincerely, Mrs. Franzen & 4K Class



We were able to see a chick hatch from an egg. We watched the egg start to crack as the chick used its egg tooth to peck at the shell.



The chick became fluffy and alert as it dried.



The children were so excited when the chicks hatched. We learned about the life cycle of a chick. We learned that meat and eggs come from the chickens.

2021 Scholarship Award

by Gary Ebert

On May 3 at the annual Northland Pines Awards Ceremony the club presented to Madeline Indermuehle the \$4000 Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Club Senior Environmental Scholarship. As has been done the last few years, the \$4000 scholarship will be paid out in four equal installments of \$1000 each at the beginning of each academic year, provided the recipient remains in good academic standing and continues to be enrolled as a full-time student. We feel this is a good way to use the money in our Scholarship Fund and will increase the likelihood that we are sponsoring students who will make positive impacts on the protection and preservation of the environment upon graduation from the college or university of their choice.

2021 Scholarship Award, *Continued*

Madeline is currently attending Northern Michigan University, where she is majoring in biology with an environmental focus. Madeline once had a dream of following in her grandfather's footsteps and becoming a doctor, but a year at Conserve School in 2019 completely changed her outlook on life. This has happened to a number of our scholarship recipients.

While at Northland Pines High School, Madeline was an excellent student, taking several AP courses and also several online courses at Nicolet College. She graduated with about 30 transferable credits to Northern Michigan University. Madeline was involved in many school and community activities, including student council, forensics, Spanish Club, the school musical, Frederick Place, and the Land O' Lakes Historical Society. She took a Spanish immersion course at Conserve School and would like to spend a year abroad while at NMU in some Spanish-speaking country. She served in the volunteer Conover Fire Department for about one year and had the opportunity to work with the DNR in controlling a wildland fire. Her father has been a seasonal firefighter for the DNR for over 25 years, and Madeline hopes to complete the Wildland Firefighter Certification Process. This is just one way in which she plans to give back to our community and show her love for our beautiful environment.

It should be noted that the Club is continuing to support Noah Miller and Sara McCormack with \$1000 scholarships this year. Noah is in his third year at Montana State University where he is majoring in Environmental Science and minoring in Political Science. Noah's goal for the future is to inspire others in the fight for protection of the earth's natural resources and public lands, and to promote sustainable farming worldwide. Sara graduated from the University of Denver this Spring and has now begun her Ph.D. Program in organic chemistry at the University of Utah. The board has decided to continue her scholarship for her first year in graduate school, and then review future support on a year to year basis. Sara is currently rotating through several labs at the University of Utah and hopes to find a lab that applies organic chemistry to solving various environmental problems. Our scholarship money is certainly being well spent with these gifted and motivated students.

Outings Ideas

Some of us old time members are itching to get some Club outings on the calendar again. We haven't had an outing long before the world shift. At the September Meeting this list of ideas was created. We now seek leaders to set dates and work out the details for the outing. Please contact Kathy Tuttle if you have your own idea you want to lead or you want to lead one of these ideas listed.

Contact Kathy Tuttle: ktbaraboo@gmail.com

Snow shoeing	Thousand Island Full Moon Paddle	Agate Hunting
Ice Caves	Wildflower hike with John Bates	Kayak trip with John Bates
Turtle Flowage	Cross Country Skiing	Bike Ride
	Ontonagan River with Bob Zelinsky	

2021 Fish and Game Club Dinner Dance, Dec. 11

As 2021 comes to a close, we look forward to an opportunity to celebrate the Holiday Season with the annual Fish and Game Club Dinner Dance. It's the fanciest gig in the Northwoods! It will be held on Saturday, December 11th at the Gateway Lodge, 5:30PM. **The Registration Form with the menu and all the relevant information is on page 9 of this newsletter.** Naturally, we all look forward to seeing our friends and neighbors and gathering together socially!

We hope that the Fall will bring a decline in Covid-19 cases in the Northwoods so that we can gather together again for social activities. The Board of the Fish and Game Club will monitor these conditions and make the appropriate decision such that all members and guests at any of our activities are safe.

Please note the menu options, option for selecting a table group, and the due date of December 1st for your registration. If you have any questions, please contact me, Chris Ebert. cebert@udel.edu or 906-358-4246.

Valentines' Day Dinner, Feb. 15, 2022

The Valentine's Day Dinner, the date will be Tuesday, February 15th at the Gateway Lodge. That reservation has been made but the menu and "photo contest" is yet to be determined.

Fish and Game Club Summer Programs, A Summary

Thank You Carol for an Outstanding Program Series in 2021

We are so fortunate to offer a wonderful 2021 summer with a great lineup of fascinating programs, given that Covid has taken so much from us. Programs and meetings were held in the Snowflake Arena, which gave us a better venue for social distancing and made many people more comfortable. The programs were well attended, and it was so great to see so many friends after such a long time of quarantine and social distancing. In case you missed the programs, here is the list of presenters and their presentations: *Isle Royale Journey: Stories and Photos* by Adrienne Wallner Jaeger; *Mosquitoes—Information You are Itching to Know* by Rick Howard; *Kayaking Lake Superior's Canadian Shore on the Installment Plan* by Karen Mesmer and Robert Rolley; *Birds—Birds—Birds* by David Franzen; and *Fungi in the Forest* by Anne Small.

If anyone has any ideas for a program for 2022 or knows of someone who would give a presentation to FCG on any topic relating to conservation and wildlife, please send the contact and information to me – Carol Mason Sherrill, carolmasonsherrill@yahoo.com. Looking forward to another great year next year! And if anyone wants to join and be on the Program Committee, please let the board and me know.

Club Board Members

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Reservation Form for Christmas Dinner Dance

The annual **Fish Game Club Christmas Dinner Dance** will be held on Saturday, **December 11th** at the **Gateway Lodge Restaurant**. This event is open to the community so be sure to invite friends, family and neighbors. **Reservations will be limited to 98 persons.**

The cost will be \$35.00 per person which includes snacks, salad, your dinner entrée, vegetable, dessert, coffee, tax, gratuity and entertainment.

The evening will begin with a cash bar at 5:00 p.m., snacks and Christmas Carols at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. After dinner the band, **Crossroads** will be performing for your listening and dancing enjoyment!

Please fill out this form and enclose a check for the appropriate amount made payable to the **Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Club**. **Reservations need to be made by Wednesday, December 1st.** Your check will be your reservation.

Please indicate your choice of entrée: **Shrimp Delilah, Pork Medallions, or Smothered Chicken**

Name: _____ Entrée: _____ Name: _____ Entrée: _____

Name: _____ Entrée: _____ Name: _____ Entrée: _____

Please indicate if you have a table preference and we will try to accommodate your request _____

Include a phone number should a question arise: _____

Mail with remittance to: **Chris & Gary Ebert, N3691 Sylvan Isle Dr., Watersmeet, MI 49969. Phone number: 906-358-4246. Email: cebert@udel.edu**

2021 Fish & Game Club Membership Application Form

(CHANGE: Membership year is now the calendar year)

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$10 per person, \$20 per family and \$15 per business

Membership Payment: \$_____ + Education Fund Contribution: \$_____ = \$_____

We are updating our records. Renewing members, please complete all fields.

Member Names:

Primary contact name

Primary contact Email

2nd member name (Family or Business)

2nd member Email

Primary Contact Address:

Summer Address:

Winter Address (if different):

Street (PO Box)

Street (PO Box)

City, State, Zip

City, State, Zip

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Telephone

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